



## Fulfilling commitments to native Hawaiians

Nearly a year ago, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) formulated a Strategic Plan that outlined four goals: Accelerating lease awards, Addressing the findings of the State Auditor's Report, Attaining self sufficiency, and Perpetuating the trust.

Each of the Strategic Plan's four goals play an important role in DHHL's mission of putting native Hawaiians on the land.

As a result of the Strategic Plan, the department created Island Plans, which asked our beneficiaries on the waiting list where they wanted to live and what type of award they desired. Island plans have been completed for Hawai'i



**Informational Meeting at Kapolei Middle School Cafeteria**

and Maui and form the basis of our development schedule and our Informational Meetings.

These development plans also reflect a new philosophy of building Master Planned Communities. Rather than smaller pocket developments of 10 to



**Informational Meeting at the Kamehameha Schools Princess Ke'elikolani Auditorium**

50 lots, the department will be creating communities with anywhere from 500-1,000 lots.

Developing Master Planned Communities also provides more time for beneficiaries to plan, which was a necessary component the department and the Hawaiian Homes Commission recognized was missing when helping a beneficiary qualify for a lease.

When deciding to accept an award, factors such as retirement, children's education, and taking care of 'ohana all must be considered. Also of major importance are financial issues such as qualifying for a mortgage, credit issues, savings, and family debt.

While there may be challenges, all of the reasons that hinder accepting an award can be overcome with time and commitment.

The department has people, programs and organizations to work with beneficiaries who need financial planning, but the first step is filling out a financial information form. For those who have not filled out this form, please contact our offices to receive one. Remember, all credit can be repaired.



**Turnkey Unit**

There will be four types of awards. The first is called Turnkey, which is a house and lot ready for a beneficiary to move in. This includes developer built and also self-help homes such as those built through programs like Habitat for Humanity.

The second award type is an Improved Vacant Lot award, which is a lot ready for the beneficiary to build his or her own home.



**Improved Vacant Lot**

The third award type is a Rural Lot where the beneficiary must also build their own home and the standards of the subdivision are set to county rural standards.



**Rural Lot**

The last award type is a new award called Undivided Interest, which gives a beneficiary more time to prepare to move and



**Undivided Interest**

to qualify for a loan. This lease is a group lease until the property is developed by phases into individual lots, usually over two to five years.

As the Island Plans for the rest of the islands are completed, development plans will be finalized for each. All of the developments listed below have funding already designated, and are on track to begin construction within three years.

HAWAII	UNITS	*COST	AWARD
Pana'ewa Unit 6	40 Units	\$2.5 mil	Turn/ Self/ Imp Vac
Hilo Scattered Lots	78 Units	\$4.83 mil	Turn/ Self/ Imp Vac
Lalamilo Phase 1	36 Units	\$6.6 mil	Turnkey/ Self Help
La'i'opua Village 4	236 Units	\$20.4 mil	Turnkey
Discovery Harbour	40 Units	\$2 mil	Improved Vacant
Maku'u Mauka 1	354 Units	\$26.5 mil	Undivided Int/ Rural
<b>MAUI</b>			
Kula Res Unit 1	34 Units	\$2.4 mil	Turnkey/ Self Help
Waiehu Kou 3	115 Units	\$9.2 mil	Turnkey/ Improved Vac
Keokea	68 Units	\$17 mil	Agricultural
Waiohuli	320 Units	\$18.8 mil	Undivided Interest
Kula Res Unit 2	96 Units	\$7 mil	Improved Vacant
Leiali'i 1A	104 Units	\$10 mil	Turnkey
Waiehu Kou 4	95 Units	\$12.6 mil	Turnkey/ Improved Vac
<b>OAHU</b>			
Nanakuli Res	18 Units	\$1.6 mil	Improved Vacant
Consuelo	20 Units	\$1.88 mil	Turnkey
Wai'anae Valley	32 Units	\$5.7 mil	Turnkey
Poka'i Bay	127 Units	\$10 mil	Turnkey
Kapolei Village 8	327 Units	\$24.6 mil	Turnkey/ Improved Vac
East Kapolei	450 Units	\$50.97 mil	Undivided Interest
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,590 Units</b>	<b>\$234.58 mil</b>	

\* Notates the cost of infrastructure paid for by the department.

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# Chairman's Message



## Aloha Kākou!

At our most recent Hawaiian Homes Commission meeting held in Waimea, Hawai'i, members of the Commission, staff and beneficiaries were blessed by opening the two-day session with keiki from the Waimea Punana Leo preschool singing songs, opening pule and an offering of ho'okupu. It was an emotional reminder of the importance to fulfill the commitment to native Hawaiians.

Our hats off to the leadership of Punana Leo as they continue to persevere in perpetuating our language and culture by educating our keiki . . . the leaders of the future.

As Chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, my commitment to putting native Hawaiians on the land has special meaning because my roots are from the homestead. My father and grandfather both lived on homestead property.



The homestead provided opportunities for them and as a result, for me. I see the homestead as more than just land or a home; I see the homestead as an opportunity, and a privilege. I was provided a foundation and an education to make a better life for myself and my family. This foundation empowered me for what I do today.

Today it is a privilege to give back and help build foundations for others, so they can also be empowered to choose their path in life.

Our Informational Meetings for beneficiaries on the waiting list have been very successful in letting everyone know where, when, and how many homestead opportunities we will be providing in the next three to five years.

The lead story in this edition of the Ka Nuhou is about our Informational Meetings and our development schedule. As you read this article, please know that all of the projects we talk about have funds dedicated to them. These projects will happen and everyone needs to work on preparing themselves for a possible award.

As the Chair of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, I am confident about our future because we have the support of Governor Lingle, our commission, our beneficiaries and everyone in our department. I look forward to each day, for each day is an opportunity to fulfill our commitment to native Hawaiians.

‘O au iho nō me ka ha‘aha‘a,

Micah A. Kane, Chairman  
Hawaiian Homes Commission



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### Public Information Meeting

**DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL  
RETORATION PROGRAM  
FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES  
Former Waikoloa Maneuver Area**



The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Engineer District will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2004 to present its results from the first year of unexploded ordnance removal from the former Waikoloa Maneuver Area. The Corps and its contractors will also be available to discuss field results from the Phase III Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis (EE/CA), review preliminary assessment of risks to the public, and discuss future activities at the former maneuver area.

The general public is invited to attend this information meeting any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Waimea Community Center, 65-1260 Kawaihae Road (next to Waimea Park), Waimea, Hawai'i.

For additional information, please contact: Chuck Streck  
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# `Aina Ho`opulapula - From the land, we flourish

In a remote corner of Hawaiian home lands, in a place called Humu`ula on the Big Island, a quiet birth is occurring. It is the birth of a new koa forest. With the help of native Hawaiian businesses and contractors, the Land Management Division, under the leadership of Linda Chinn, Administrator, staff is restoring the health of DHHL lands with a new forestry and natural resources program.

Hawaii's once great koa forests covered much of the Hawaiian Islands – today many of them are found only in scattered and fragmented condition. Grazing, land clearing, and harvesting have reduced these koa forests to unhealthy stands of trees with little or no native understory.

Most frustrating to local foresters is the realization that with a little care and patience, and a strong commitment to changing current land uses, our diminished koa forests could easily be brought back to life. In areas where koa exists, one only has to expose the soil to the sun and within weeks hundreds of koa seedlings will sprout naturally. In forestry terms this is called “scarifying the land for natural regeneration”.

Yet no one seemed to want it to happen, or allowed the seedlings time to mature into trees. Few landowners in the state managed koa lands for koa. They were willing to cut the trees for wood or make room for something else, but reforestation did not occur because many koa lands were also prime grazing lands.



The soils on which koa trees naturally occur are usually rich in nutrients and easily accessible to livestock. Animals such as cows, goats, and sheep love to eat koa “keikis” and prefer them over grass. Koa roots stay near the surface, where they can be easily broken and damaged. Finally, koa trees are very susceptible to rot, and any wound results in the mature tree

dying at an early age. Taken together, historic land uses throughout the state resulted in the death of mature koa trees and the lack of a new generation to replace them.



DHHL, along with a few other visionary landowners, has decided to reverse that loss. Last year the first koa salvage sale on state lands in over 25 years was licensed by DHHL. The plan was to remove cattle from a 130-acre parcel, salvage much of the dead and dying koa, and thereby scarify the site to germinate the thousands of koa seeds lying beneath the grass. Not all of the mature trees were removed. In fact, some of the best trees were left behind. The largest, straightest trees were not removed so that native wildlife would continue to have a place to live. These trees also serve as an ongoing seed source for the next generation of trees.

Eighteen months later, the salvage operation is almost pau. As predicted, the forest now has hundreds of koa seedlings coming up throughout the project area. The forest appears to be “breathing again”, as trees flush with new leaves and sprouts appear on the sides of apparently dead tree trunks.

Seed production of all native plant species, not just koa, appears significant. And as an extra benefit of restoring the forest, wood salvaged from the area has kept five men working full time on site. An estimated 30 to 40 woodworkers have been supplied with wood at the same time, attesting to the economic contributions of this land use strategy. Most importantly, as the land flourishes, so shall we.

## Training the next generation

Hokule`a has become an important part of the lives of many people. Ka`iulani Murphy first saw Hokule`a on a field trip with her elementary class at Kawaihae. While a freshman at the University of Hawai`i, she was inspired by a presentation given by Nainoa Thompson at the Center for Hawaiian Studies. She signed up for a Polynesian Voyaging class in the fall of 1997 and helped in the routine maintenance of Hokule`a while in dry-dock.



**Ka`iulani Murphy sits on the navigator's seat of the Hokule`a as it departs Midway on its voyage home.**

Little did Ka`iulani realize this was the beginning of a whole new chapter in her life.

She participated in educational sails throughout the state of Hawai`i. In February 2000, she sailed the final leg of the Rapa Nui voyage as one of the student navigators from Tahiti home to Hawai`i.

stars, the ocean, the wind, the birds and all she learned from her past sailing experiences came together. When asked how her trip was she replied “it was awesome, sailing in the wake of our ancestors to the kupuna islands, learning from them and sharing what we learn with everyone back home.”

Her mentors, Nainoa Thompson and Bruce Blankenfield, helped to prepare her and others for this voyage and continue to train the next generation of leadership.

“Hokule`a touches so many people across our state and beyond and helps spread the message of taking care of our island home.” With her degree at University of Hawai`i at Manoa in Hawaiian Studies and her voyaging experiences, Ka`iulani continues to send this message by conducting educational sails with high school students and training sessions with interested members of the community. She is on the educational staff at the Polynesian Voyaging Society and coordinates programs, plans events and schedules crewmembers and volunteers for programs and voyages.

Although she has a hectic work schedule she makes it a point to spend time at home with her family in Waimea where she grew up riding horses, paddling canoe, hiking to Waimanu Valley and camping at Keanakolu. She is always eager to get to Waipi`o Valley and get her feet in the mud in the lo`i.

(Ka`iulani is the daughter of Denise Murphy who works at DHHL in the West Hawai`i District Office.)

# Commissioner’s Highlight

## Herring Kalua

In this time of rapid growth and expansion of Hawaiian Homes developments, one steady figure of support has been East Hawaii Commissioner, Herring Kalua. Much of his success and insight can be attributed to his roots in Keaukaha, a charming homestead community in East Hawaiʻi. “Born and raised on homestead lands has allowed me to identify some of the issues.” Commissioner Kalua continued, “It’s great to see the staff and Commission working together with the community to solve many of these issues. It is also great to help turn around many of the negative feelings that were present in the past.”

Commissioner Kalua’s passion for his job has been unquestionable. “It’s exciting to see an applicant receive an award!” He also appreciates the support from Governor Lingle and the drive from Director Micah Kane and staff to fulfill the dreams of Prince Kuhio.

East Hawaiʻi District Office staff has enjoyed his leadership. “Com-

missioner Kalua has worked very closely with the East Hawaiʻi District Office. His concern for our lessees as well as our applicants is very admirable,” says East Hawaiʻi staff, Margo Noah. She continues, “He has been very determined to get the projects moving for the Big Island and is making sure that his goals are met before his term as Commissioner expires.”

Although Commissioner Kalua is serving out the final months of his second term, he will continue to help the department and the community.

Aloha Commissioner Kalua and mahalo for all your efforts!



Chairman Micah Kane and Commissioner Herring Kalua

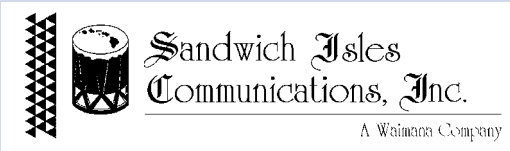
### Hawaiian Home Lands Telephone Service

Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. is the telecommunications service provider to newly-developed areas of Hawaiian home lands throughout the state of Hawaiʻi.

Rates for one-party residential service range from \$9.90 to \$14.40 per month, depending on the island residence.

If you are a first-time Hawaiian home lands recipient, please contact Sandwich Isles Communications, Inc. at (888) 995-7274 regarding your telephone service.

Service applies to newly-developed Department of Hawaiian Home Lands residential and business structures.



### The First Homestead: Oral Histories from Molokai

With support from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), Paul Y. Nishijima of West Island Productions, has produced six, half-hour video programs on what life was like for the first homesteaders.

These six, half-hour videos document the oral histories of 13 Molokaʻi kupuna who are the descendants of the original homesteaders on Molokaʻi. Prince Jonah Kuhio, who was the Territorial Delegate to the U.S. Congress, saw his people slowly dying from the effects of urbanization. To save his people by getting them back to the ʻāina, he helped draft the Hawaiian Homes Act of 1920. The Act called for a demonstration project on the island of Molokaʻi. Hawaiians from throughout the Islands signed up to farm and settle on the almost barren island. Facing a harsh physical environment and a scarcity of water, the original homesteaders were challenged to succeed. And succeed they did. The Act became law expanding the program to the other islands. This was the beginning of Hawaiian Home Lands.

Akaku: Maui Community Television will air the six programs sometime in October ending in November. Maui and Molokaʻi residents please contact Akaku, Maui News or DHHL in Molokai for specific listings.

Hoʻike: Kauaʻi Community Television and Na Leo ʻO Hawaiʻi (Hilo Branch) will air the programs in October. Call the respective Public Access Stations for specific listings.

ʻOlelo Community Television Air Dates: Channel 53 – NATV

- Episode 1: 9/29 Wed -- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
10/3 Sun -- 9 am & 8 pm
- Episode 2: 10/6 Wed-- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
10/10 Sun -- 9 am & 8 pm
- Episode 3: 10/13 Wed -- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
10/17 Sun -- 9 am & 8pm
- Episode 4: 10/20 Wed -- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
10/24 Sun -- 9 am & 8 pm
- Episode 5: 10/27 Wed -- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
10/31 Sun -- 9 am & 8 pm
- Episode 6: 11/3 Wed -- 9 am & 9:30 pm  
11/7 Sun -- 9 am & 8 pm



Paul Y. Nishijima

Na Leo ʻO Hawaiʻi (Kona Branch): Channel 54

Beginning September 27th, each episode will be shown on a Monday at 8:00 pm.

- Episode 1: 9/27
- Episode 2: 10/04
- Episode 3: 10/11
- Episode 4: 10/18
- Episode 5: 10/25
- Episode 6: 11/01

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